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## S. RES. 154

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 21 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Mr. Pell (for himself, Mr. Helms, Mr. Moynihan, and Mr. Brown) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

OCTOBER 26 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993 Committee discharged

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas the United States and Pakistan have maintained close and cooperative relations over many years;
- Whereas the United States has a strong interest in strengthening democracy and human rights in Pakistan;
- Whereas Pakistan held elections for the National and Provincial Assemblies on October 6 and 9, 1993, respectively;
- Whereas the elections were observed by independent domestic monitors and by an international delegation organized by

the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI);

Whereas the NDI delegation reported that "the balloting was generally open, orderly and well-administered," that "election officials generally carried out their tasks impartially and with diligence," and that the announcement of results "generally proceeded in accordance with the law;"

Whereas the people of the United States enjoy an abiding friendship with the people of Pakistan; and

Whereas the United States and Pakistan share a common interest in the promotion of stability in Pakistan and the easing of tensions in the South Asia region: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved. That the Senate—
- 2 (1) welcomes the holding of elections on Octo-3 ber 6 and 9, 1993, in Pakistan as an important step 4 toward reaffirming Pakistan's democratic course;
- 5 (2) congratulates Prime Minister Benazir 6 Bhutto on the occasion of her swearing-in on Octo-7 ber 19, 1993;
  - (3) reaffirms the existing ties of friendship between the peoples of Pakistan and the United States; and
  - (4) underscores the continuing interest of the United States in working with the government of Pakistan on issues of bilateral and regional concern.

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